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Ms Marlene H Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St SW
Washington DC 20551

RE *Ex Parte* Presentations in PP Docket No 00-67 (Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment).

Dear Ms Dortch

This is to notify the Office of the Secretary that on August 13, 2003, Hope Boonshaft and Mitch Singer of Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Alicia Smith of the Smith-Free Group, held a series of *ex parte* meetings with the below listed FCC staff members:

Paul Gallant, Office of Chairman Powell

Media Bureau
Steven Broeckart
Rick Chessen
Alison Greenwald
Tom Horan
Deborah Klein
Michael Lance
Susan Mort
Mary Beth Murphy
John Wong

Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis
Jonathan Levy

Office of Engineering & Technology
Alan Stillwell

The meeting covered material submitted to the FCC in the Joint Comments of the Motion Picture Association of America, et al on March 28, 2003, and Reply Comments on April 28, 2003, PP Docket No 00-67.

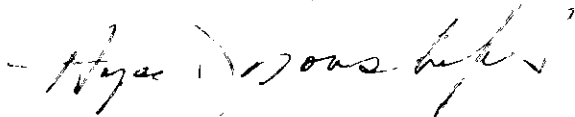
The *ex parte* presentations focused on the following points:

- The content industry should be a participant in negotiations going forward on discussions relating to bi-directional "plug & play" Our issues fall under Subpart W and the balance of the MOU for implementation of the uni-directional cable-ready specifications should proceed
- Under the proposed MOU, there is currently no process for a content owner to appeal the adoption of any new interface accepted by Cable Labs if deemed unacceptable by content owners. Content providers should be able to participate in an open process overseen by an objective, independent third party both in the selection of new outputs and to de-certify protected outputs that have been compromised
- Full functionality in the Set Top Box is necessary to allow for a broad range of potential consumer services not currently available. Specifically, selectable output control for analog outputs for future business models providing potential services such as early window VOD/PPV. Sony Pictures Entertainment has no intent nor would ever advocate that compromised digital outputs be turned off and television sets go black

No documents were provided at any meetings

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules, this original and one copy are provided to your office. A copy of this notice is being delivered to the parties mentioned above

Sincerely,



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Executive Vice President
Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.